

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed and cleared for President bill on gold cover removal, and took up constitutional amendment on Presidential disability.
 House passed bill expanding inter-American development operations.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 2975-3014

Bills Introduced: 38 bills and 2 resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1173-1210; and S. Con. Res. 21-22.

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Bill Referred: H.R. 2998, to increase authorizations for the Arms Control and Disarmament Act operations, was referred to Committee on Foreign Relations.

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Bill Rereferred: Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 996, relating to mine safety, and the bill was rereferred to Committee on Labor and Public Welfare.

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Migratory Farm Labor: Senate debated the question of the use of migratory labor in agricultural operations.

Pages 3014-3065

Truth-in-Packaging: The unanimous-consent order of February 4 was amended so that the matter of reference of S. 985, to prevent the use of unfair and deceptive methods of packaging or labeling of certain consumer commodities, will lie on table 1 additional day. It will be considered on Friday, February 19, instead of today.

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Gold: By 74 yeas to 7 nays (motion to reconsider tabled), Senate passed without amendment and cleared for President H.R. 3818, to eliminate the requirement of Federal Reserve banks to maintain certain reserves in gold certificates against deposit liabilities, after rejecting two additional amendments as follows:

Mundt amendment providing for Government subsidy of the domestic gold-mining industry; and, by 22 yeas to 58 nays, Lausche amendment to declare congressional policy of continuing the existing requirement that Federal Reserve banks maintain reserves in gold certificates of not less than 25 percent against their notes in circulation.

Pages 2975, 3071-3087

Presidential Inability—Constitutional Amendment: Senate made its unfinished business S.J. Res. 1, proposing

an amendment to the Constitution relating to succession to the Presidency and Vice-Presidency, and to cases of Presidential inability.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today.

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Program for Friday: Senate met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:54 p.m. until 11 a.m. Friday, February 19, when it will consider S.J. Res. 1, constitutional amendment on Presidential inability. Also, Senate will consider the matter of reference of S. 985, truth-in-packaging.

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Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—INTERIOR

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee continued its hearings on fiscal 1966 budget estimates for the Department of the Interior, and related agencies, receiving testimony on funds for the Geological Survey from its Director, Thomas B. Nolan; and from Edward C. Crafts, Director, Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, who testified in behalf of funds for his Bureau, the Land and Water Conservation Fund, and the Lewis and Clark Trail Commission.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee, in executive session, ordered favorably reported the nominations of Buford Ellington, of Tennessee, to be Director of the Office of Emergency Planning; Kenneth E. BeLieu, to be Under Secretary of the Navy; Graeme C. Bannerman, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy; and 8,411 nominations in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force.

Prior to this action, in open session, Senator Bass and Representative Fulton of Tennessee appeared in behalf of the nomination of Mr. Ellington. Messrs. Ellington and Bannerman were present to testify and answer questions on their own behalf.

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NOMINATIONS

Committee on Commerce: Committee held hearings on the nominations of Capts. Frank V. Helmer and Charles Tighe for promotion to the grade of rear admiral in the Coast Guard; Miss Mary Gardiner Jones, of New York, to be a member of the Federal Trade Commission; and Andrew F. Brimmer, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce. Testimony in behalf of Miss Jones was received from Senator Javits and Representative Lindsay. Testifying in behalf of Captain Tighe was Adm. William D. Shields, Assistant Commandant, Coast Guard. Miss Jones, Mr. Brimmer, and Captain Helmer were present to testify and answer questions on their own behalf.

City, representing the Wireless Guitar Co.; and Sholly Kagan, of Belmont, Mass.

Hearings continue on Tuesday, February 23.

PROFESSIONAL TEAM SPORTS

Committee on the Judiciary: The Antitrust and Monopoly Subcommittee began a series of hearings on S. 950, to clarify the status under the antitrust laws of the professional team sports of baseball, football, hockey, and basketball, having as its witnesses Dr. Frank Stanton, president, Columbia Broadcasting System, Inc.; and Dan Topping, president of the New York Yankees.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

COLD WAR GI BILL

Committee on Labor and Public Welfare: Subcommittee on Veterans' Affairs continued its hearings on S. 9, to give cold war veterans similar educational and home loan benefits as those afforded veterans of World War II, receiving testimony from Senator Byrd of West Virginia; Kenneth Young, legislative representative, AFL-CIO; Frank E. G. Weil, American Veterans' Committee; R. A. Means, Fleet Reserve Association; Pete Wheeler, of Atlanta, president, National Association of State Directors of Veterans' Affairs; and Raymond J. Watson, National Farmers Union.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

ELECTRONIC EAVESDROPPING

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Administrative Practice and Procedure began hearings with regard to invasions of privacy by Government agencies through the use of electronic equipment. Witnesses heard were Harold K. Lipset, a private detective of San Francisco, and an expert in this field; Ralph V. Ward, of Mosler Research Products, Inc., Danbury, Conn.; Paul Rhodes, attorney, representing Jeffrey Oberdick, Sr., agent for the Fargo Co., of San Francisco, and the Sirchey Co., of Berlin, N.J.; E. Mittleman, of New York

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 75 public bills, H.R. 5124-5198; 24 private bills, H.R. 5199-5232; and 15 resolutions, H.J. Res. 335-341, and H. Con. Res. 305-312, were introduced.

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Bills Reported: Reports were filed as follows:

Report of the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service entitled "The Federal Paperwork Jungle—A Report on the Paperwork Requirements Placed Upon Business, Industry, and the Public by the Federal Departments and Agencies" (H. Rept. 52);

Report of activities of the Select Committee on Government Research, pursuant to H. Res. 87 (H. Rept. 53);

H.R. 1496, authorizing the disposal of zinc from the national stockpile, amended (H. Rept. 54); and

H.R. 1658, authorizing the disposal of lead from the national stockpile, amended (H. Rept. 55).

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Inter-American Development: After adopting a committee amendment, the House by a record vote of 288 yeas to 92 nays passed H.R. 45, to amend the Inter-American Development Bank Act to authorize the United States to participate in an increase in the resources of the Fund for Special Operations of the Inter-

American Development Bank. A recommittal motion designed to reduce the authorization from \$750 million to \$725 million was rejected by a record vote of 142 yeas to 237 nays.

In addition to an amendment identical to the recommittal motion the House rejected an amendment to provide Presidential discretion for the payment of any of the three payments of \$250 million if such payment would harm U.S. balance-of-payments position.

The bill authorizes U.S. contributions of \$250 million per year to the Fund for Special Operations of the Inter-American Development Bank for fiscal years 1965, 1966, and 1967.

Pages 2875-2899

Legislative Program: The majority leader announced the legislative program for the week of February 22-27. Agreed to House adjournment from Thursday to Monday.

Pages 2901-2902

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with Calendar Wednesday business of February 24, 1965.

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Quorum Calls and Record Votes: During the proceedings of the House today two quorum calls and two record votes developed and they appear on pages 2875, 2882, 2898-2899, and 2899.